Shortage of staff in PHCs

1638. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that according to the National Rural Health Mission's report, the majority of Primary Health Centres (PHCs) are ill equipped and short staffed;

(b) whether it is also a fact that nearly 8 per cent of the PHCs do not have a doctor, 17.7 per cent do not have a pharmacist and about 39 per cent are without a lab technician, most of them do not have adquate labour rooms and operation theatres; and

(c) if so, the steps Government proposes to take on warfooting to remedy the illo that have been plagued the PHCs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) As on March, 2007, out of a total of 22370 functioning Primary Health Centres (PHCs) acorss the country, 964 PHCs are functioning without a doctor, 3073 PHCs are functioning without a pharmacist, 7352 PHCs are functioning without a lab technician, 10522 PHCs are functioning with labour room and 9273 PHCs are functioning with operation theatre.

(c) The PHCs are run by the State/UT Governments. Under National Rural Health Mission (NRHM), funds are released to States/UTs Government for upgradaton and strengthening of Primary Health Centres including contractual appointment of staff, construction of buildings and provision of infrastructure. The State/UT Governments are, however, required to incorporate their requirements in their annual NRHM Programme Implementation Plans.

Doctors in CGHS dispensary No. 61, Janakpuri

1639. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of CGHS cards registered with Janakpuri-I (No. 61) dispensary and the sanctioned strength of doctors in that dispensary;

(b) the total number of such cards in Delhi and the doctors strength for all dispensaries in Delhi;

(c) whether it is a fact that vast areas of West Delhi are attached with this (No. 61) dispensary, due to which patients visiting this dispensary are under extreme hardship, particularly after computerization; and

(d) the steps proposed to improve the situation and by when normalacy is likely to be achieved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) The total number of 12975 cards is registered with CGHS dispensary Janakpuri-I (No. 61). The existing strength of doctors in Janakpuri-I dispensary is 7 (including CMO in charge).

(b) Total number of cards in Delhi and the existing strength of doctors for all dispensaries is given in the Statement-I (*See* below).

(c) and (d) The list of areas covered under Janakpuri-I dispensary is placed at Statement-II (*See* below). Beneficiaries may be facing minor inconvenience due to switch over from